

YESTERDAY, AND TO-DAY.

1.

There lived a fair and blue-eyed boy
In home on rocky shore.
His interest was in ships that passed
By day when storms did rear.

2.

He tried to learn to signal them,
With flags and lights as well.
Although he was so very small,
He did the message tell.

3.

As he grew up to manhood strong,
His learning grew with him,
And now he signals for the men
On aeroplanes so trim.

4.

This man of brains was not content
To do one thing alone,
He learned to be a pilot too,
And round the world will roam.

5.

Across the Timor Sea he goes,
With comrades brave and true.
To Keepang, Rambang, Singapore,
Their ports of call are few.

6.

Long hours they travel through
the air,
And many sights they see.
Our men are pioneering now.
A service strong and free.

7.

My wish to them as airmen strong
Will always be the same,
Help and sure guidance from above
To bring them home again.

8.

I hope their work will bring
success,
To our dear Motherland;
The home of our brave forefathers,
Who were so strong and grand.

1.

The ocean deep was dotted white,
With ships serene and grand.
Along our coast they'd quickly sail,
Or quite becalmed would stand.

3.

When help they needed from the shore,
Code signals they would make,
As seen by keeper on look-out,
The message he would take.

5.

A Bigby lamp was put in use,
And messages they morse'd.
The flashing lights now could be seen,
As orders were endorsed.

7.

Success was his, and soon he made
A gas-light clear and bright.
His lamps were used along the coast,
By all ships in the night.

9.

Communication to the land
Thus simplified became.
Enabling Captain, or his crew,
When asked, to give their name.

2.

Time came when fewer ships were seen
As steamboats took their place.
They passed our Lighthouse on the shore,
Off times with gales to face.

4.

To signal to the shore at night
Was seldom done at all,
Except by firing rockets bright,
When they had need to call.

6.

As old "Orantalla" made her way,
Her Captain gave much thought,
Of how to make a brighter light.
Invention now he sought.

8.

Our Captain talked with his big light,
From Clifty, to Little Bourke.
He and the Keeper pioneered
This hobby and new work.

10.

This useful work was carried on,
Till "Sparks" became renowned.
Since then, the wireless-wave has
been
The one to claim the crown.